

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF MONTEREY PARK
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monterey Park City Hall – City Council Chambers
320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754**

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER Chairperson
FLAG SALUTE Chairperson
ROLL CALL Benkin Jong, Daisy Ma, Paul Perez, Allan Shatkin

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Related to Items NOT on the Agenda). While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Traffic Commission to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Traffic Commission may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

[1.] PRESENTATIONS - None

[2.] CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission:

- (1) Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 18, 2022;
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable

[3.] OLD BUSINESS

3-A. S. NEW AVE And E. GRAVES AVE INTERSECTION CROSS WALK – STOP SIGN WARRANT STUDY

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission:

- (1) Recommend approval of the Stop Sign Warrant study to the City Engineer;
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable

[4.] NEW BUSINESS

4-A. CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 15, 2022 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission:

- (1) Cancel the December Traffic Commission Meeting in observance of the holiday season

[5.] COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURN

Next regular scheduled meeting is on January 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.



Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: November 17, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2-A

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Cesar Vega, Civil Engineering Associate
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission:

- (1) Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 18 2022; and
- (2) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Attachment:
Minutes of August 18, 2022

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2022**

The Traffic Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a regular Meeting of the Commission in the City Council Chambers located at 320 W Newmark Avenue, in the City of Monterey Park, on August 18, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Allan Shatkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL: Allan Shatkin, Daisy Ma, Benkin Jong

ABSENT: Paul Perez

ALSO PRESENT: Civil Engineering Associate Cesar Vega; Administrative Secretary Cristina Garcia, Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS

1A S. Garfield Avenue Traffic Pattern at Garfield Estates-II (1030-1140 S Garfield Ave) presented by Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager

Commissioner Shatkin – asks for clarification on the time frame for the work to be completed on South Garfield.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that staff will proceed in the next few weeks with the modification to the turn pockets, delineators, and curb painting. The paving and striping on South Garfield will be included in a larger project within approximately a year.

Commissioner Jong – asks how parking will be affected; when the long term improvements will be implemented and the length of site distance for north bound traffic

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - responds that a minimal impact to parking, only a few spaces will be lost. A right turn only sign will be installed, and trash collection will be altered to allow for greater site distance which is restricted to the curve in the street and an existing wall.

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Commissioner Shatkin – calls for speakers.

Speakers:

Karl Wong – serves as the secretary of the HOA and on behalf of the 42 residents, he expresses gratitude to the Commission and Staff for explaining the plans for South Garfield.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - Further explains that the first proposal will allow safe right turns from the complex and will give access to vehicles entering southbound into the complex as well as access to vehicles exiting the complex traveling northbound to the center lane to make safe U-turns. This will include the following and will be completed within the next few weeks:

Short Term:

Modify and provide left turn protected pocket

Remove striping nose at Roca Way for cars making a left turn from Roca Way

Remove some of the delineators

Long Term:

Remove a few parking spaces, paint red curb for relocated trash bins

Install right turn pocket to enter the complex

Ralph Valencia, Garfield Estates II HMO president, comments that Mr. Mazboudi provided the best solutions to address the issues for the complex. These allow for safe left turns into the complex and, in the future, a dedicated right hand turn pocket into the complex.

1-B Monterey Vista Elementary School Drop-Off Zone Installation- presented by Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager.

Commissioner Jong – asks about the request for a 3 way stop on New and Graves Avenues.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that a study is scheduled to be conducted for a 3 way stop at this location.

Commissioner Shatkin – calls for speakers.

Speakers

Teresa Real Sebastian – expresses gratitude for the valet zone at the school. Asks for clarification regarding the future study at the crosswalk at New and Graves and time frame for the report / study to be available.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – explains that the study will entail the consideration of a 3 way stop sign. He clarifies that the Traffic Commission roll is advisory, and that Staff will consider its recommendations. The City Engineer will decide how to proceed once the findings are received and staff will inform the Commission of the findings once received.

Parents from Monterey Vista and PTA Board Members, represented by Christina Hargrove– express their thanks for the changes made to the valet drop off zone which proved very helpful during the first days of school. The additional concerns are not addressed, however, the double parking, lack of parking and speeding vehicles along Graves. Encourages the Commission’s consideration for the 3 way stop sign at Graves and New Avenues.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – responds that the study and the warrants to be conducted will be used to evaluate what traffic calming devices would best solve any issues, however, he clarifies that a stop sign is not a tool to control speed.

Vinh Ngo – expresses his appreciation for the installation of the valet zone. He will continue to push for a 3 way stop at New and Graves as well as crosswalks around the school. He has spoken with the City of Rosemead and they will work with the City of Monterey Park.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - explains that he has a report from the City of Rosemead for a 3 way stop sign at Graves and New that indicates 3 way stop not warranted at this intersection. Since the school environment has changed from the date of this study conducted 6 years ago, he will be moving forward with a new study to see if conditions have changed.

Commissioner Jong – based on the concerns from the school representatives regarding speeding and parking, which are not typically engineering issues, he suggests addressing these to both Monterey Park and Rosemead Police Traffic Enforcement Department.

Chief Kelly Gordon – comments that for the last several months, the Traffic bureau has been working with traffic safety at all the schools, however, since school has started at Monterey Vista, officers have been present and have witnessed very bad driving habits which are creating most of the issues that are being seen at the school. The Traffic Unit is working hard to educate the parents and students, through informational meetings, presentations and flyers and will continue to enforce and assist at the school to improve safety and come up with solutions.

1-C Local Roadway Safety Plan Presentation- presented by Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager – the report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Commissioner Jong – agrees with the larger signal heads and devices to get the city to Vision Zero, inquires as to countdown timers on the signals.

Ziad Mazboudi, Interim City Engineering Manager - responds that this is a draft for City Council, and any comments by the Commissioner’s will be considered. The item is scheduled for September 7 City Council meeting adoption. Responds that countdown timers and audible buttons will be included at some signals in the City.

Speaker, Teresa Real Sebastian – comments that the presentation was very informative and suggests installing bump outs on Graves and New as an additional device to slow traffic in this area

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 16, 2022.

Action Taken: Approve the Traffic Commission minutes from the regular meeting of June 16, 2022,

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ma and seconded by Commissioner Jong
The Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Allan Shatkin, Daisy Ma, Benkin Jong
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: Paul Perez
Abstain: Commissioner: None

3. OLD BUSINESS - None

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. CHANGE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING TIMES

Action Taken: Change the start time of the regularly scheduled Traffic Commission Meetings to 6:30 p.m., commencing with the October 2022 meeting and revisit the item at the March 2023, Traffic Commission Meeting as an adgendized item.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ma and seconded by Commissioner Jong.
Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner: Allan Shatkin, Benkin Jong, Daisy Ma
Noes: Commissioner: None
Absent: Commissioner: Paul Perez
Abstain: Commissioner: None

5. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. in honor of the late Officer Gardiel Solorio, at the request of Commissioner Ma. The next regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting is September 22, 2022.

Cesar Vega
Civil Engineering Associate
Staff Liaison to the Traffic Commission
City of Monterey Park



Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: 11-17-2022

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3-A

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Ziad Mazboudi, P.E.; Engineering Manager
SUBJECT: **S. NEW AVE and E. GRAVES AVE INTERSECTION ALL-WAY STOP WARRANT STUDY**

PROPOSAL

The Traffic Commission is asked to consider the installation of All-Way STOP signs and striping improvements for the intersection of S. New Avenue and E. Graves Avenue.

BACKGROUND

At the request of the City of Monterey Park, Transtech Engineers, Inc has completed a full evaluation of the intersection of New Avenue and Graves Avenue to see if existing conditions warrant the installation of All-Way Stop Control at this intersection per the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD Section 2B.07).

ANALYSIS

Exhibit – 1 of this report includes the complete Transtech Engineers Inc. evaluation of the intersection of S. New Ave and E. Graves Avenue.

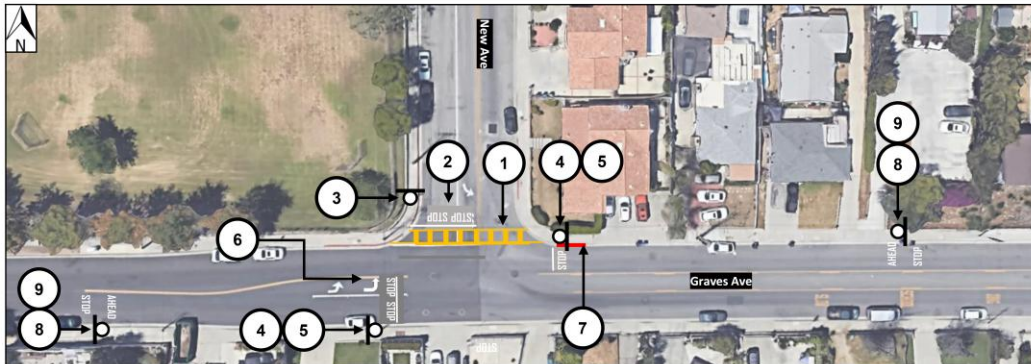
After a thorough review of existing field and traffic conditions, traffic operations during school hours and per the guidelines in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), California Vehicle Code (CVC), and based on engineering judgement, it was determined that this intersection would benefit from the installation of All-Way Stop Control.

The All-Way Stop will force all directions of traffic to come to a complete stop providing a safer environment for pedestrians. The All-Way Stop will also provide the needed gap in through traffic for pedestrians to cross while allowing side street traffic to safely enter onto Graves Avenue.

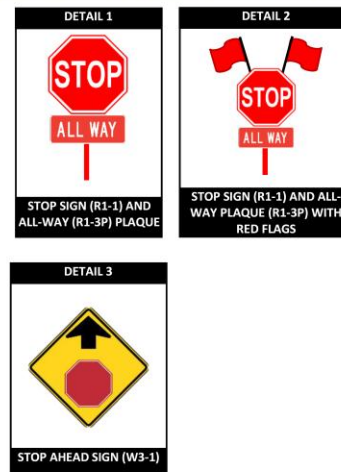
It is recommended that the following list of action items be installed at the intersection of New Avenue and Graves Avenue. Some of the recommended improvements for this intersection are partially in LA County (EL) along Graves Avenue and City of Rosemead (NE) corner on New Avenue. To implement all the following recommendations, the City of Monterey Park will need to work with LA County and City of Rosemead.

| Item | Description |
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| 1 | Install a Yellow Ladder Striped Crosswalk in the North Leg of the Intersection. |
| 2 | Install an Advanced Stop Bar Line 4-FEET Before the Proposed Crosswalk for SB New Avenue Traffic Before Entering the Intersection. |
| 3 | Remove and Replace Existing Stop Sign (R1-1) with new 36"X36" Stop Sign and Install All-Way Plaque (R1-3P) and Red Reflective Strip on signpost at New Avenue and Graves Avenue for SB direction. |
| 4 | Install All-Way Stop Control with Stop Signs, ALL-WAY plaque (R1-3P) beneath each stop sign, Stop Bars, and STOP pavement legends on Graves Avenue for EB and WB Directions. |
| 5 | For Added Visibility Install Red Reflective Strips on each Stop Sign pole in all directions (EB, WB and SB). In addition, for the first month add flags to the new STOP signs on EB and WB Graves Avenue. (CAMUTCD Section 2A.15 Enhanced Conspicuity for Standard Signs) |
| 6 | Remove One "Left Turn Arrow" and 5' of the Center Yellow line for EB Traffic and Install New Stop Bar and STOP Pavement Legend in both EB Lanes |
| 7 | Install 20' of red curb on the north side of Graves New Avenue (NE Corner) |
| 8 | Install "Stop Ahead" Signage (W3-1) ahead of the intersection at New Avenue and Graves Avenue for Both EB and WB Directions |
| 9 | Install New "STOP AHEAD" Pavement Legends along Graves Avenue. |

INSTALLATION EXHIBIT: MONTEREY PARK, CA – GRAVES AVENUE AT NEW AVENUE
DATE PREPARED: 11-04-22



- ① INSTALL YELLOW LADDER STRIPED CROSSWALK AT THE NORTH LEG OF THE INTERSECTION OF GRAVES AVENUE AND NEW AVENUE. INSTALL 10' WIDE CROSSWALK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EXISTING STRIPING.
- ② REMOVE AND REINSTALL STOP PAVEMENT LINE 4' FROM NEW CROSSWALK AND ADD NEW STOP PAVEMENT LEGENDS BEFORE THE PROPOSED CROSSWALK FOR SB NEW AVENUE TRAFFIC BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION OF GRAVES AVENUE AND NEW AVENUE.
- ③ REMOVE AND REPLACE EXISTING STOP SIGN WITH NEW 36"X36" STOP SIGN (R1-1) AT NEW AVENUE AND GRAVES AVENUE FOR SB DIRECTION. INSTALL ALL-WAY PLAQUE (R1-3P) AND RED REFLECTIVE POST ON STOP SIGN LOCATED AT NEW AVENUE AND GRAVES AVENUE. SEE DETAIL 1.
- ④ INSTALL ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL WITH STOP SIGNS, STOP BARS, AND STOP PAVEMENT LEGENDS ON GRAVES AVENUE FOR EB AND WB DIRECTIONS. ADD ALL-WAY PLAQUE (R1-3P) BENEATH EACH NEW STOP SIGN. SEE DETAIL 2.
- ⑤ INSTALL RED REFLECTIVE STRIPS ON EACH STOP SIGN POLE IN ALL DIRECTIONS (EB, WB, AND SB). FOR THE FIRST MONTH AFTER INSTALLATION, ADD RED FLAGS TO THE NEW STOP SIGNS ON EB AND WB GRAVES AVENUE AT NEW AVENUE. SEE DETAIL 2.
- ⑥ REMOVE ONE "LEFT TURN ARROW" AND 5' OF THE CENTER YELLOW LINE FOR EB TRAFFIC AND INSTALL NEW STOP BAR AND STOP PAVEMENT LEGEND IN BOTH EB LANES.
- ⑦ INSTALL 20' OF RED CURB ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRAVES NEW AVENUE (NE CORNER) AT INTERSECTION WITH NEW AVENUE.
- ⑧ INSTALL "STOP AHEAD" SIGNAGE (W3-1) AHEAD OF THE INTERSECTION AT NEW AVENUE AND GRAVES AVENUE. INSTALL EB SIGN APPROXIMATELY 160-FT WEST OF THE INTERSECTION AND THE WB SIGN APPROXIMATELY 200-FT EAST OF THE INTERSECTION AT GRAVES AVENUE AND NEW AVENUE. THESE NEW SIGNS SHOULD NOT BLOCK EXISTING WINDOWS AT RESIDENT'S HOMES. SEE DETAIL 3.
- ⑨ INSTALL NEW STOP AHEAD PAVEMENT LEGENDS OPPOSITE THE STOP AHEAD SIGNS ON GRAVES AVENUE FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS.



RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Traffic Commission recommend approval of the Stop Sign Warrant study to the City Engineer for the installation of All-Way STOP signs and striping improvements for the intersection of S. New Avenue and E. Graves Avenue.



Traffic Commission Staff Report

DATE: November 17, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4-A

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Cesar Vega, Civil Engineering Associate
SUBJECT: **CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 15, 2022 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING**

PROPOSAL

The Commission is asked to consider a request to cancel the December 15, 2022, Traffic Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic Commission has cancelled regularly scheduled meetings previously upon request and for the convenience of the Commission during the holiday season.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission move to cancel the Traffic Commission meeting scheduled for December 15, 2022.